

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A seal element (1) for a vehicle component (3), comprising a seal body (4) delimiting a seal space (5), said seal body being engaged by said vehicle component (3) when said vehicle components (3) is in a sealed position, said seal element 1 including a reinforcement structure (7) supported in said seal space (5) so as to be movable relative to said seal body (4) and means for fixing said reinforcement structure 7 in predetermined positions within said seal body (4), for supporting a seal contact area of the seal body (4).

2. (original) A seal element according to claim 1, wherein a guide element (8) is provided in said seal space (5) and said reinforcement structure (7) is guided by said guide element (8) over a predetermined length thereof for movement in said seal body (4).

3. (original) A seal element according to claim 1, wherein said reinforcement structure (7) is circular at least over a part thereof.

4. (currently amended) A seal element according to claim 1, wherein said reinforcement body (7) is insertable in a receiver pocket (14) formed in said seal body ~~94~~ (4).

5. (original) A seal element according to claim 1, wherein said seal body includes at least two sections consisting of materials of different resiliency.

6. (currently amended) A seal element according to claim 5, wherein said reinforcement structure (7) engages said seal body (4) in at least one position thereof and a section of ~~material of greater resiliency is arranged in~~ said seal body in the area which is engaged by said reinforcement structure (7) in said at least one position of said reinforcement structure (7) has a greater resiliency than the rest of the seal body.

7. (original) A seal element according to claim 1, including a mounting element (10) for fixing the reinforcement structure (7) in a particular position.

8. (original) A seal element according to claim 1, wherein said reinforcement structure (7) consists of a metal sheet.